responsibility of respective States/Union Territories to take precautionary measures to prevent the supply of inferior bandages in the hospitals under their administrative control.

(d) The Central Government Hospitals are. vigilant in this matter.

Reduction in seats for Ayurvedic Doctors in Gujarat

692. *SHRI* BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Ayurvedic doctors' seats reduced in Ayurvedic colleges by the Central Council of India for the last two years till date, State-wise;

(b) whether Gujarat is number one in Ayurveda in India;

(c) if so, the reasons for reducing a large number of seats there; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to restore the seats in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The information is given in the enclosed statement, (see below)

.(b) Ayurveda as medical *system* is actively practiced in several states in the country including Gujarat State.

(c) The college did not meet the minimum standards set out by the Central Council of Indian Medicine including availability of teachers.

(d) The seats in Gujarat have since been restored from academic year 2000-2001.

Statement

Details of State-wuse Ayurved Colleges where seats were reduced during the last two years i.e. 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

Name of the college	1998-99	1999-2000
BIHAR		
1. Dayanand Ayurved College & Hospital, Siwan	—	10
2. Ravindrariath Mujcherji Ayurved College, Motthari	30 (Not permitted)	—
Total seats reduced:	30	10
GUJARAT		
3. JS Ayurved College, Nadiad	—	40 (Not permitted)
Total seats reduced:	—	40
KARNATAKA		
4. Shri Basaveshwar Vidya Vardhak Sangha Ayurved Medical College, Bagalkot	—	30 (Not permitted)
5. Zakaria Ayurved Medical College, Gulbarga	—	20 (Not permitted)
6. BNM Rural Ayurvedic College, Bijapur	—	10
7. Shri Vijay Mahenthesh Ayurved Medical College, Ilkal	5	—
8. TAME Society Ayurved Medical College, Hospeth	10	—
9. TAME Society Ayurved College, Bhadrawati	10	—
10. JG Co-operaiive Hospital Ayurved Medical College, Ghataprabha	10	—
11. Shri Shivayogeshwar Rural Ayurved Medical College, Inchal	5	—

Name of the college	1998-99	1999-2000
12. Shri Hingulambika Education Society Ayurved College, Gulbarga	5	—
13. Shri SBS Ayurved Medical College, Mundargi	5	60
Total seats reduced:	50	
MADHYA PRADESH		
14. Government Ayurved College, Jabalpur Total seats	5	30 (Not permitted) 30
reduced:	5	
MAHARASHTRA		
15. Siddhakala Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Sangamner	—	10
16. Anuradha Ayurved College, Chikhli	—	40 (Not permitted)
17. Lt. Sunil Ramshingji Chunawale Ayurved College, Chikhli	-	40 (Not permitted)
18. Nalasopara Ayurved Medical College, Nalasopara	10	—
19. Shri Ganjanan Maharaj Sansthan Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Pusad Total seats reduced:	10	90
	20	
PUNJAB		
23. Gurunanak Ayurved Medical College, Muktsar	20	30 (Not permitted)
24. Lala Lajpatrai Ayurved Medical College, Moga	30 (Not permitted)	—
25. Shri Dhanwantri Ayurved College, Chandigarh	10	

	Name of the college		1998-99	1999-2000
26.	SSMD Ay.urved Medical College, Moga		20	—
	Total seats reduced:	80	30	
UTTAR PRADESH				
27.	Doon Ayurved Mahavidyalaya, Dehradun		30 (Not permitted)	—
28.	Himalaya Ayurved Medical College, Bareilly		30 (Not permitted)	—
	Total seats reduced:		60	
TOTAL:			245	260

Note: "Not permitted" reflects the number of seats which were permitted by the Central Council earlier but the College was not allowed to admit the batch in the relevant year.

Expensive cancer treatment in the country

693. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that treatment of cancer in hospitals in the country is very expensive;

(b) whether a large number of patients are unable to meet such exorbitant expenditure on treatment causing their death;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to provide free treatment to cancer patients in the country;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the estimated loss of lives on account of cancer in the country every year?